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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa and Trinidad and Tobago: revised draft resolution

Emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 45/185 of 21 December 1990, 46/149 of 18 December 1991, 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 48/188 of 21 December 1993, 49/22 A of 2 December 1994, 49/21 P of 18 September 1995 and 52/169 of 16 December 1997,

Deeply distressed by the loss of life, the large number of afflicted people and the destruction wrought by hurricane Georges, which from 20 to 22 September 1998 devastated Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, St. Kitts and Nevis and several other countries and territories of the region,

Conscious of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the hurricane,

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

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Conscious also of the prompt response being made by Governments, the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, international and regional agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals to provide relief,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the peoples and Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas, and to initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. *Expresses its support* for the efforts of the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis, and solidarity with their peoples as they cope with the disaster;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to all States of the international community, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. *Urges* all States of the international community, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries and to provide financing for the national and regional relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts being undertaken by the affected countries using their own and pooled human resources;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to assist the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis in identifying their medium-term and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected countries undertaken by their respective Governments;

5. *Requests* the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to provide support and assistance in the strengthening of the disaster-preparedness and prevention capacities of the countries of the region;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, under agenda item 20, through his report to the next humanitarian segment of the Economic and Social Council on the collaborative effort referred to in paragraph 4 above and on the progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the affected countries.